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Working paper submitted by Japan on the working paper submitted by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations, and has the honour to request that the attached proposal of Japan be circulated as an official United Nations document of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects at its second session (see annex).

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Annex

Japan's proposal on the working paper submitted by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

Japan wishes to propose that the following elements be considered for inclusion in part III, "International cooperation and assistance" of the working paper by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.192/PC/L.4).

United Nations

1. With respect to the regions and subregions where conflicts come to an end and where serious problems of the proliferation of small arms have to be dealt with urgently, the United Nations should make greater efforts, within its available resources, to extend the integrated approach to security and development. In doing so, due consideration should be given to the specific situation of the post-conflict region or subregion.

2. With respect to regions and subregions where conflicts come to an end and where serious problems of the proliferation of small arms and light weapons have to be dealt with urgently, the United Nations should support, within its available resources, all appropriate post-conflict programmes related to disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, such as those on the disposal and destruction of weapons.

3. The United Nations should support, with the assistance of the donor community, all appropriate post-conflict initiatives related to disarmament and demobilization.

4. The United Nations should consider, at the request of the State concerned, dispatching a fact-finding mission to regions and subregions where conflicts come to an end and where serious problems of the proliferation of small arms have to be dealt with urgently.

5. The United Nations should, with the assistance of Member States in a position to do so, promote and support initiatives to make available information on useful and successful practices and information on available resources with regard to stockpile management, collection and safe storage of small arms, and destruction of surplus arms.

6. The United Nations, in cooperation with regional organizations and Member States, where appropriate, should further facilitate appropriate cooperation with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, in activities related to small arms and light weapons, in view of the important role that civil society plays in efforts to raise awareness of and address the problems associated with such weapons.

7. The United Nations, in cooperation with regional organizations and Member States, should consider ways and means to develop training facilities and programmes for authorities which deal with small arms and light weapons.

8. The United Nations should urge relevant organizations, such as the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) and the World Customs Organization, as well as all States and their relevant national agencies, to cooperate closely in the identification of the groups and individuals engaged in illicit trafficking activities and the modes of transfer used by them.

Other international or regional organizations

9. All other international and regional organizations engaged in activities related to development assistance, such as the World Bank and Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and the Development, or any other group of States, should intensify and coordinate their activities with respect to disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants in regions of the world where conflicts come to an end and where serious problems of the proliferation of small arms and light weapons have to be dealt with urgently, and should keep the United Nations informed in that regard. Due account should be taken of the specific situation of each region or country in question, and the cooperation of the Secretary-General should be sought, where appropriate.

States

10. States in a position to do so should assist other States, at their request, in the formulation and implementation of all appropriate post-conflict programmes related to disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, such as those for the disposal and destruction of weapons.

11. States in a position to do so should assist other States, at their request, in their efforts to collect and safeguard weapons and to destroy surplus weapons and confiscated or collected weapons.